

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 9 October 2024

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### HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2024

9 October	LARISSA BEHRENDT - Storytelling Traditions in Literature
13 November	BARBARA GOW & STEPHEN GOW - Walking in the footsteps of our ancestor
11 December	SHOW & TELL plus Christmas get-together

The Hawkesbury Family History Group is now meeting in person and bookings not required. Meetings are still held via Zoom, book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

### NEXT MEETING

Next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 November with family historians and 4th cousins, Stephen Gow and Barbara Gow.

They will discuss their travels in mid-2023 to places in the UK connected with their 3X great-grandfather, William PT Gow. William was a convict who was transported to NSW in 1817. A literate man, he was soon appointed as schoolmaster at Wilberforce and served in that role for almost 25 years. However, much still remains to be discovered about William's origins and the cousins "walked in his footsteps" as part of their ongoing quest to learn more. They will share with you some of the highlights of their travels, stressing the importance of planning carefully in order to achieve maximum results.



No bookings required if attending this event in person. If you cannot make it in person, please book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

### HAWKESBURY CRIER

The next issue of the Crier is due in December 2024. If you have an article, news etc you would like to share, please email [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) by 28 November.

### NEWS

#### ROOTSTECH 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for RootsTech 2025, the largest family history conference has now opened. RootsTech 2025 will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 6-8 March 2025. There will 200+ sessions in over 26 languages. If you cannot attend in person, join the RootsTech conference online, for free. Register now <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>

#### SHAUN MICALLEF'S ORIGIN ODYSSEY

*Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey* began on SBS TV recently. Micallef joins six beloved comedians as they undertake transformative journeys around the world, diving deep into their culture, history and identity. In the first episode, Micallef takes comedian Aaron Chen on a journey to China, his father's homeland. Other comedians in the series include Michael 'Wippa' Wipfli and Lizzy Hoo. More info and to watch on SBS in Demand <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/tv-series/shaun-micallefs-origin-odyssey> The series is brought to you by Ancestry.

## EVENTS

### SURFING THE INTERNET ~ FAMILY HISTORY SITES

5 Tips for Researching Your Scottish Genealogy

<https://familytreemagazine.com/scottish-heritage/>

Irish Church records

<https://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/>

Australian Royalty: *A family tree focusing on New South Wales colonial inhabitants (indigenous, convicts and free immigrants) and their descendants.*

<https://australianroyalty.net.au/tree/purnellmccord.ged>

Digitised journals on Trove

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/list/114531>

Fun family tree templates

<https://www.familysearch.org/chinese/surnames/keepsakes>

National Archives [Ireland]

<https://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

New land records at NSW Land Registry Services

<https://www.nswlrs.com.au/About/About/Announcements/137>

Fashion forward: Explore Australian fashion trends from the 1960s to 2000

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/blog/2024/09/11/fashion-forward>



Wolfgang Sievers, *Elegant shopping at La Pastorale Frocks*  
125 Collins Street Melbourne, 1965

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-160360759/view>

You may be interested in checking out the following sites. Both Windsor and Richmond libraries, provide free internet access to members, and FREE wireless for your devices.

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except January) in the Tebbutt Room, Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756. Anyone interested in local and family history welcome to attend, and it is free to attend. For more information about the Hawkesbury Family History Group contact the Local History Librarian e: [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) t: 02 4560 4466.

The Local Studies Collection for all your family & local history research, is located in the Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor 2756. See <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/services/local-and-family-history-resources>

*Let us know of sites, that you have tried with (or without) success*